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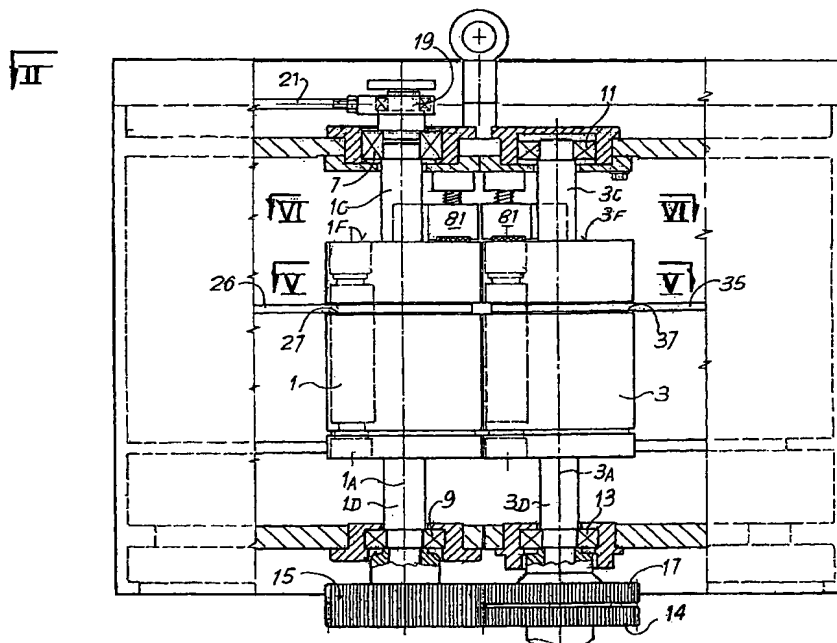
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(57) Abstract: The folding machine includes at least one folding rollers (1, 3; 505) provided with a least one gripping member (43; 513) to mechanically grip the web material (N) along a folding line. A suction member (79; 515) is associated with the gripping member (43; 513) to draw the web material towards said gripping member (43; 513).

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